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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As I said, Sir, the whole matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, would it not be in the interests of economy to dispense with this motor car facility for all the departments except the medical and the police and revert to the old system of double bullock carts? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not think, Sir, it is possible with the increased work we are having at present."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, are these 158 vehicles kept idle in the garage or are they being used by the officers for any official purpose? Are the Government aware that these vehicles are being used by some of the officers not for official purposes? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—Sir, I think they are used for official purposes only. I do not think they are used for unofficial purposes."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries about this alleged misuse and take necessary steps as the matter has now been brought to the notice of the Government on the floor of this House? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I shall cause enquiries to be made. Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of reducing the expenditure on account of the annual cost of maintenance of these vehicles which, I find, every year is nearly a crore of rupees? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Does the hon. Member mean to suggest that the expenditure should be reduced? "

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Yes. I think the expenditure is colossal and that it should be reduced."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is what I said. The whole matter is being considered."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 14th May 1954, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

(1) *The Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill,* 1953 (*L.A. Bill No.* 23 *of* 1953).

' In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1953), as passed by the Assembly on the 14th May 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Counsil.'

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(2) *The Madras Proprietary Estates Village Service and Hereditary Offices (Amendment) Bill,* 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 22 *of* 1954).

'In accordence with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village Service and Hereditary Village Offices (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 14th May 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

(3) *The Courtallam Township Bill,* 1954 (*L.C. Bill No.* 8 *of* 1954).

'In accordance with rule 113 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Courtallam Township Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly, on the 14th May 1954 with the amendment set out in the Annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'

ANNEXURE.

Renumber clause 6 as sub-clause (1) and *add* the following as sub-clause (2) :—

"(2) All orders made by the State Government under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as possible after they are made, be laid on the table of both Houses of the Legislature." '

"I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 15th May 1954, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

The Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 23 *of* 1954).

'In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954, (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly, on the 15th May 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.' "

III.—PROGRAMME OF THE HOUSE.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" On a point of information, Sir. Hon. Members are anxious to know how long the present sittings of the Council will continue. Will the Hon. the Leader of the House kindly enlighten us on this point?"

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, how long the present sittings will continue will depend on how we transact our business. Perhaps we may close our work by the 19th or at the latest by the 20th."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954 (L.A. BILL NO. 20 OF 1954).

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the Madras General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill* [a], 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 20 *of* 1954), *as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.*'

Sir, this Bill is intended to levy an extra tax on mill cloth of a certain variety at one anna three pies at the first point. It also

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 141-142 infra.